

Senate Committee Votes For Voice in CIA, 14-5

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved a resolution to create a select committee on intelligence operations which committee members will give it a voice in overseeing activities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The vote was 14 to 5.

Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., the committee chairman, said he hoped there would be action on the resolution before the end of this legislative session.

But a battle was in prospect on the proposal. Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., said he would do everything possible to block the committee's efforts to obtain any part in a CIA subcommittee.

"Muscling In"

"There is no excuse on earth for them muscling in," Russell said in an interview.

Before the resolution was approved, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., its sponsor, amended it in three respects. One resolution deleted a specific reference including the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Another took out a provision that would have authorized the

committee to employ a staff for its work. A third provision removed from the resolution would have provided that expenses of the committee would be paid from the Senate's contingency fund.

The latter two deletions were a move to avoid having the resolution sent to the Senate Rules and Administration Committee for consideration because it involved the expenditure of Senate funds. Members of the Rules Committee appear weighted in support of Russell's opposition to the resolution.

Lausche Proposal Defeated

Those voting against the resolution in the committee were Sens. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, R-Iowa; Frank Carlson, R-Kan.; Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D.; Frank J. Lausche, D-Ohio, and Stuart Symington, D-Mo. Symington, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, also is a member of the CIA oversight subcommittee.

In all, 11 members of the 19-member Foreign Relations Committee were present for the vote on the controversial resolution.

Some of the votes were by proxy.

Before the final vote, the committee defeated a Lausche proposal, 7-2, to have members of the Foreign Relations Committee elected rather than appointed to the oversight subcommittee if the resolution should be approved.

Russell said that if it becomes necessary he will move on the Senate floor to have the resolution referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee. He said the Armed Services Committee, which he heads, has jurisdiction over CIA affairs under 1947 legislation.

Approval of the resolution was expected. Then it is scheduled to go to the Senate Rules Committee for consideration.

Fulbright said the Senate parliamentarian would be asked to rule on whether the amended resolution will have to go to the Rules Committee.

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